

Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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Conditions Report

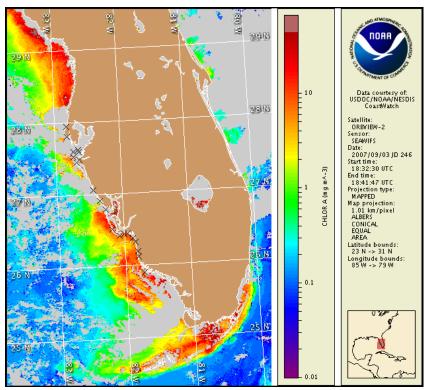
There is currently no indication of harmful algal bloom presence along the coast of south-west Florida. No impacts are expected in any Florida counties today through Sunday September 9.

Analysis

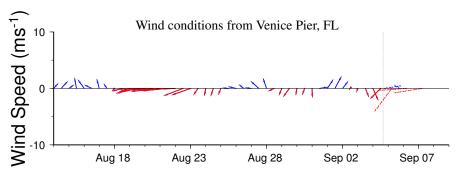
Recent samples confirm that the harmful algae *Karenia brevis* is not currently present in southwest Florida (8/27-31, FWRI). Chlorophyll concentrations remain elevated in patches along the coast from southern Charlotte to northern Monroe County, and offshore southwest of Cape Romano, due to non-harmful algae. Reports of discolored water are possible.

No impacts are expected along the southwest Florida coast today through Saturday, although upwelling-favorable winds over the past few days and through the majority of this week may increase the potential for bloom formation. Continued sampling is recommended.

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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from August 25-29 shown as red squares (high), red triangles (medium), red diamonds (low b), red circles (low a), orange circles (very low b), yellow circles (very low a), green circles (present), and black "X" (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide: http://www.csc.noaa/gov/crs/habf/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf



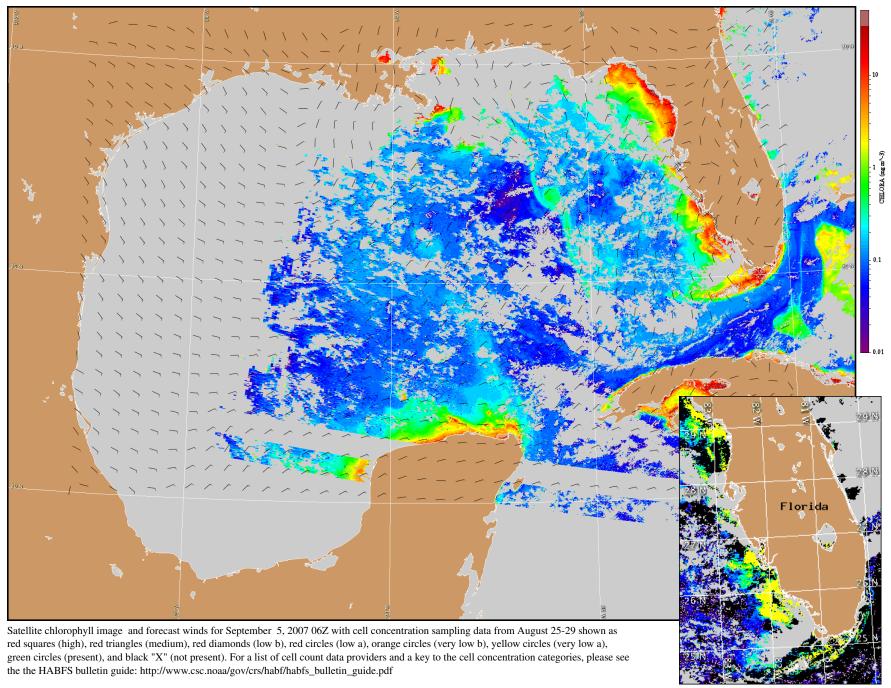
Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts

SW Florida: Northerly winds today at 10 knots (5 m/s) becoming northeasterly tonight and Wednesday. Easterly winds Wednesday night through Thursday at 10-15 knots (5-8 m/s) becoming southeasterly Friday and southerly on Saturday.

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Verified HAB areas shown in red. Other bloom areas shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).